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27 March 2001



# The Edge



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**BNL Toastmasters, Club 8069, District 46**

**Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 PM and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 12:05**

**Biology Building 463, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973**

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## Upcoming Events

Tues., April 3	Club Meeting, 5:30	Theme: Jokes	Room 160, Bldg 463
Tues., April 17	Club Meeting, 5:30	Theme: Birds	Room 160, Bldg 463

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### Officers

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**The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.**

### March 20 Meeting

As it fell on the first official day of spring, the theme for our 20 March meeting was springtime. We used a different meeting room which presented a few challenges, but which were quickly met and resolved by energetic and creative members. It was great to see Mary Gallo, and we hope she'll come back again soon.

Claire Heil was TMOD, and did very nicely in a role she has not often assumed. After welcoming attending members, Claire invited jokemaster Ronnie to the podium and she made us laugh. Wordmaster Pat gave us "multifaceted." Amy presented table topics, in which she questioned members about signs of spring and their feelings about the season of new growth and rebirth.

After a quick break, the speech portion of the meeting got underway with Beth Lin's "Here is our Opportunity," a Speak with Sincerity project. Beth explained to the group, with irresistible logic, that the club is uniquely positioned to provide a speechcraft program for BNL summer students. Beth proposed dates and curriculum for the course, and suggested that an inexpensive meal at each session would help attract the students. She was well prepared, extremely convincing, and indubitably sincere.

Pat Astre followed with "Catholic in Brooklyn," a project from the Entertaining Speaker manual. Pat had us laughing with his anecdotes about growing up Catholic in Brooklyn. He described confessing to impure thoughts, just to be

safe, before he even knew what they were. By the end we had no trouble imagining Pat playing stickball, hanging around the candy store, and fidgeting in church on Sundays.

Nancy was the next speaker. Her speech was entitled "Making the perfect, pretty, pouffy bow," a project from the "Speaking to Inform" manual. The first thing Nancy did was to make us dissatisfied forever more with the boring, two dimensional store-bought "bow ties," samples of which she had with her, because with a little effort we can create something much more attractive. She described her whole family working together creating these perfect pouffy bows to decorate the house where she and her husband got married, and showed a charming photograph of several generations working together on them. As she created her bow, she moved smoothly between discussing specifics and tips about her technique and suggestions about how to use the bows decoratively and so forth. She never lost her focus or train of thought, while before our eyes the lovely bow took shape.

Margaret Foster was general evaluator. Amy evaluated Beth, and Margaret evaluated Pat. Ronnie evaluated Nancy. Nancy was quizmaster. It was noted that there had been five uses of the word of the day. Amy announced that no clear winner had emerged for table topics. The timer's report was read, then Ronnie closed the meeting.

***BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule***

Date	April 3	April 17	April 24 NOON
Theme	Jokes	Birds	A Stitch in Time
TMOD	Amy		
Joke	Pat		Pat
Word	Kim		
Timer		Kim	
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Grammarians			
Table Topics	Nancy		
Speech #1	Beth	Kim	Pat
#2	Luis	Amy	
#3	Margaret	Nancy	
#4	Kim		
#5	Pat		
#6	Nand		
General Eval.		Pat	
Evaluator #1	Kim		
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Patty		

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**It's dues time:** By now everyone should have paid their Club dues. If for some reason you have not, please contact Ronnie immediately.

**Mark your calendars now!** May 15 will be our Charter Celebration. Help us celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with special guests, a strong program, and refreshments.

If you haven't given a speech in the last two months, why not plan to give one on April 17? We like to see every member moving forward to their goals.



***Members' Progress Report***

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	3	CTM
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	3	
Ronnie E.	1	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
John F.	1	CTM
Margaret F.		DTM
Mary G.		
Amy H.	9	
Claire H.	5	
Beth L.	1	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.	10	ATM-B
Nancy M.	3	CL, ATM-B
Nand N.	3	ATM-S
Kimberly P.	6	
Luis R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	2	
Eric S.	5	